

THREE-STAR PROGRAM

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2011 Three-Star Program Addendum Items

Revisions for the 2010/2011 Program Year

Effective March 1, 2011

ITEMS CHANGED FOR 2010-2011

II. Community Development (revised 3/1/2011)

BENCHMARK II

2. Community Connections

Community Connections is a program that pairs two Three-Star communities together (city to city or county to county) that are at least 50 miles apart and requires each community to evaluate each other's development efforts. Local representatives of economic development, education and government are required to complete a daylong (5 hours) visit to their community connection counterpart. The visited community will prepare presentations about community programs, conduct tours and allow time for a question and answer session. This program is designed to be a learning tool, not a showcase of what each community does well.

NOTE: Each city or county Community Connection must be a participant in the Three-Star program.

Regional Economic Development Specialists can assist in the selection of a community.

NOTE: A county who visits a community connection counterpart, but does not receive a visit from their counterpart will still receive Three-Star credit.

1. Community Connections (Targeted Action Item)

SAME AS ABOVE

V. Education and Workforce Development (revised 6/30/2010)

BENCHMARK III

1. Must meet one of the following:

- a. Meet or exceed both State Avg. ACT Composite Score & State Avg. Graduation Rate.
- b. Meet or exceed the State Avg. Graduation Rate & 98% of the State Avg. ACT Composite Score.
- c. Meet or exceed the State Avg. ACT Composite Score & 98% of the State Avg. Graduation Rate.